

## #1.

*Which of the following statements about the article is true?*

- a. An American space shuttle went up in 1996.
- b. The telescope is as tall as a 4-story building.
- c. Each flight costs \$3 billion.
- d. The flights only happen on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

## #2.

*(продолжение). Which of the following statements about the article is true?*

- a. The telescope was intended to be in service for 20 years.
- b. It will definitely be in service for its entire term.
- c. The telescope found aliens.
- d. The Discovery crushed it with a mechanical arm.

## #3.

*(продолжение). Choose the most appropriate statement:*

- a. The crew tried to bring the telescope down from space 3 times.
- b. They replaced the lenses on the telescope.
- c. They replaced the broken equipment.
- d. They could not reach the telescope.

## #4.

*(продолжение). Which of the following statements about the article is true?*

- a. The Hubble fell into the ocean Saturday.
- b. The Hubble was over the North Pacific Ocean.
- c. The Discovery destroyed the telescope.
- d. The Hubble will continue its research.

## #5. «Чёрное-это красиво»

*Which of the following statements is true?*

- a. The salon was established by "Mosbyt" and firms run by black Americans

- b. The clientele should include students, employees of foreign governments and Muscovites
- c. The owner told the interviewer that success was assured
- d. Clients paying in foreign currencies will "pay a pretty penny"

## #6.

*Which of the following statements about the article is true?*

- a. This has been an outstanding year for NASA.
- b. 2 stations fell while they were orbiting Mars.
- c. In the whole year, NASA put 3 spaceships in orbit.
- d. According to "New Republic" Mars is too hot.

## #7. «Музыка древних»

*The key concept here is as follows*

- a. 20 identical stone musical instruments were found
- b. The find is in very good condition
- c. The components of the instrument must have been hanging like chimes
- d. It is unfortunate that only some fragments are intact

## #8. «Небывалые ливни в Чикаго»

*Which of the following statements is true?*

- a. Damage to runways made it virtually impossible to fly out of O'Hare
- b. The governor called up national guardsmen and asked for federal aid
- c. Chicago residents shouldn't expect an immediate end to the precipitation
- d. Dozens of homes and the airport were flooded

## #9.

*Which of the following statements about the article is true?*

- a. Ship Magellan resumed work on a satellite.
- b. 6 astronauts are on board.
- c. Magellan is learning about planets in the solar system.
- d. The crew had some problems.

## #10. «Составлен портрет убийцы»

*Choose the most appropriate statement:*

- a. West German criminologists will cooperate with the Swedish police
- b. West German criminologists were given a picture of the killer
- c. The killer was described as being a short, sturdily built person
- d. A US embassy representative met the Secretary of State at the airport

## #11. «Идеи должны приносить прибыль»

*What point was made by the journalist?*

- a. Russian-made equipment is flowing abroad as a result of industrial espionage
- b. TVs made in Russia are on par with Japanese ones
- c. Ukrainian authorities don't need to import any foreign-made technical equipment
- d. Greater care should be taken when ordering goods that are produced abroad

## #12. «Четвероногие друзья Бриджит Бардо»

*How did Brigitte Bardot contribute to the welfare of animals?*

- a. She sold off her possessions to earn money for a previously established fund
- b. She promoted causes directed towards saving homeless animals
- c. She went abroad to speak out against cruelty to animals
- d. She took in stray animals until she stopped making movies

## #13. «Авиакатастрофа в Мексике»

*Choose the most appropriate statement:*

- a. The four-engine propeller-driven plane burned up
- b. 18 people died
- c. Three children were among the passengers
- d. Only crop dusters use this particular airfield

## #14.

*Choose the most appropriate statement:*

- a. Atlantis was launched on Thursday.

- b. Atlantis was the 4<sup>th</sup> to crash after Challenger.
- c. 6 days ago Atlantis launched.
- d. On Monday Atlantis was in space.

### #15. «Ресторатор протестует»

*What is the main concern of the owner? He doesn't want...*

- a. his restaurant to be called the world's largest
- b. the parking lot to be considered as part of the restaurant
- c. his restaurant to be listed in that book
- d. the book's compilers to get their facts wrong

### #16.

*Which of the following statements about the article is true?*

- a. A new external atmospheric pressure system for the station was delivered.
- b. Two crafts crashed.
- c. There were problems during the docking.
- d. The next expedition is planned for March 31.

### #17.

*Which of the following statements about the article is true?*

- a. Tickets for a Concord are more expensive than for a new plane.
- b. This is a military plane.
- c. The plane will fly from Moscow to New York without stopping.
- d. This plane is still only a project.

### #18. «Пилот или автопилот?»

*Which features are presented in the A320?*

- a. A computer to take the place of the pilot
- b. Steering that is controlled by computers
- c. Hydraulic lines and cables to guarantee flight safety
- d. Computer equipment that looks like video games

## #19. «Комета Галлея на сцене церкви»

*Why can one claim that the artist's work was significant?*

- a. Because his work portrayed the traditions of early Italian art
- b. Because he was the first artist to paint frescoes
- c. Because he was honored for his work by having a satellite named after him
- d. Because it was done by the first person to observe the comet

## #20. «Попугай-симулянт»

*Which of the following statements about the article is true?*

- a. The parrot was seriously ill
- b. The parrot had a bad cough
- c. The owner's cough annoyed the parrot
- d. The patient was advised to stop smoking

## #21. «Уникальный пациент»

*Which of the following statements about the article is true?*

- a. The Austrian doctor Werner Aufmeser and a heart specialist saved a person's life
- b. Being drunk, the patient fell into the snow and fell asleep
- c. The doctors believed that a shortage of oxygen was one of the reasons which allowed the brain to survive
- d. Despite complications the sick person slowly got better

## #22.

*Which of the following statements about the article is true?*

- a. This is the first launch of *Discovery* after 1981.
- b. Three times they could not launch this ship due to technical defects.
- c. The goal of the flight *Discovery* is the long expedition of seven astronauts,
- d. The equipment will be sent separately from the astronauts to the space station.

## #23. «Циклон над краем»

*What happened as a result of the cyclone?*

- a. Trees were uprooted and damage was done to the porches of many homes
- b. Many Khabarovsk apartments had neither heat nor water
- c. Shipments of materials to badly hit areas were disrupted
- d. A pier in one port city was badly damaged

#### #24.

***Choose the most appropriate statement:***

- a. The first astronaut will soon arrive at the space station.
- b. A Japanese astronaut conducted spacewalks.
- c. The "Discovery" landed on time.
- d. The first flight of the "Discovery" was successful.

#### #25. «Океанские великаны»

***Choose the most appropriate statement:***

- a. Four sport fishermen set a unique record
- b. They caught a ton of fish
- c. The sea perch outweighed the shark
- d. A spear gun was used to kill the shark

#### #26. «Спортсмены-прадедушки»

***Choose the most appropriate statement:***

- a. Otto Bucher is entered into Guinness Book of records for the greatest number of lifetime tournament wins
- b. The oldest athlete in Switzerland is now 102 years old
- c. Ulrich Inderbinnen made a solo climb of Mont Blanc when he was 86 years old.
- d. The vigorous mountain air of Switzerland strengthens its inhabitants

#### #27. «Концерт для дельфинов»

***Wagner came to the conclusion that dolphins***

- a. Shy away from modern music
- b. Are able to recognize pieces of classical music

- c. Can't stand loud music
- d. Perceive music best at a depth of ten meters underwater

## #28. «Сейсмостойкое высотное здание»

*What is true about the building that the corporation constructed?*

- a. It can withstand 40% of the quakes that occur in Japan
- b. A counterweight controlled by a computer will help the building withstand tremors
- c. The building was modeled after similar buildings in New York
- d. A model of the building held up well in tests conducted by Tokyo engineers

## #29. «Распродается голливудское барахло»

*What surprised organizers of the auction?*

- a. The amount of money they got for a dress owned by Marilyn Monroe
- b. Memorabilia from the film "Gone With the Wind" brought in less than they had expected
- c. Fewer prospective buyers showed up than the organizers had expected
- d. They couldn't get their asking price for Chaplin's hat

## #30.

*Choose the most appropriate statement:*

- a. Now astronauts are located on the space station.
- b. In the course of an entire hour. Astronauts attempted to dock to the space station.
- c. Russian astronauts always fly to the space station on the "Soyuz TM" ship.
- d. The service module "Stars" was delivered to the space station together with the astronauts.

## #31.

*(продолжение) Which of the following statements about the article is true?*

- a. The crew returned to Earth on the same ship which they came.
- b. "Soyuz TM-31" will be on the space station for 5 years.
- c. "Soyuz TM-31" returned without astronauts.
- d. "Soyuz TM-31" will be an escape pod for the crew.

## #32. «Второе ограбление века»

- a. The train was late
- b. Three mail couriers were found bound and gagged
- c. The police are searching for the criminals
- d. The money and valuables are still missing

**#33.**

*Which of the following statements about the article is true?*

- a. Astronauts have already conducted spacewalks for correcting batteries.
- b. The batteries can work for 6 hours.
- c. The "Endeavor" brought new batteries to the station.
- d. In all, the astronauts will conduct spacewalks no less than 2 times.

**#34. «Либретто сочиняют зрители»**

*What is so special about those who viewed these shows?*

- a. They had suggested the theme of the 1<sup>st</sup> ballet staged by the theater
- b. All of them had been addicted to illegal drugs
- c. They were instrumental in the production of a ballet about an ex-boxer
- d. They were afflicted with the same illness as characters in "Groggy -2"

**#35. «Простреленные джинсы за 60 долларов»**

*According to this article, Seldon Smith*

- a. Buys old jeans in large shipments and riddles them with bullets
- b. Decided to start this business after he was injured in a hunting accident
- c. Is having no problems finding people interested in purchasing jeans
- d. Sells bleached jeans and various types of souvenirs

**#36.**

*Which of the following statements about the article is true?*

- a. The president reported the results of the investigation
- b. The black box is being deciphered right now
- c. There are many injuries from debris and fragments on the bodies
- d. It's not possible to examine the dead bodies

## #37. «Чехия заморозила новое строительство»

*The Czech representative said that*

- a. The government was temporarily halting the construction of new apartments
- b. Many construction sights currently lack necessary workers and materials
- c. Building projects for environment protection purposes wouldn't be halted
- d. The halt to construction will continue indefinitely

## #38. «Письмо наркобаронов»

*The Colombian drug bosses*

- a. will keep fighting in order to avoid spending time in an American jail
- b. do not want to take any more risks
- c. will kill the wife of a well-known Colombian physician
- d. will increase drug production if their demands aren't met

## #39. «Трагедия на дороге»

*What was the cause of the accident?*

- a. Weather conditions
- b. Excessive speed
- c. A gas leak
- d. A drunk driver

## #40. «Краткость-сестра таланта»

*Select the most suitable answer*

- a. The Brazilian filmmaker won a prize for his documentary film *The Silver Bear*
- b. The film is only 30 minutes long
- c. This prize-winning film is about a tomato
- d. The Brazilian filmmaker specializes in making full-length feature films

## #41. «Мужичок с ноготок не в моде»

*According to the survey*